FSSC Operations Status 2018-07-30

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Overall FSSC Ops Status

- Current team:
 - Jerry Bonnell
 - Robin Corbet
 - Joe Eggen
 - (Elizabeth Ferrara emergency backup!)

Assumption of ISOC Ops Responsibilities

- The FSSC ops team is in the process of training for assuming ISOC Ops responsibilities.
- Currently routine ISOC ops tasks are divided between the 3 FSSC ops personnel and Rob Cameron at ISOC.
 - Weekly ATS (command) generation for LAT.
 - Review of weekly ATS
 - Presentation of status at weekly and monthly meetings.
- Standard, but less frequent procedures:
 - Charge injection calibration
 - hot-strip masking

Status of Assuming ISOC Ops Responsibilities

- Weekly LAT commanding and review now regularly performed by FSSC ~75% of time.
- Weekly reports given by FSSC 75% of time.
- Quarterly reports more complicated and occur less frequently. Most knowledge transferred to FSSC as a group.
- Charge injection calibration and hot-strip masking has been performed by FSSC.
 - There are some issues mainly associated with permissions of some user accounts.
 - Use of group account may resolve these.

Effects of Solar Array Drive Failure

- Constraints on Fermi operations:
 - sufficient power
 - thermal constraints (primarily battery radiator)
 - minimize solar array movement
- ARRs are now disabled.
- TOO observations not performed.
- Effect on sky survey profiles
- Ops team working with Julie McE., and other elements to select appropriate sky survey modes, and investigate sky coverage.

Current Sky Survey Profiles

- The sky survey profile used depends on the beta angle: angle between orbital plane and Sun.
- For low beta angles (< 25 degrees) perform "one-sided rocking"
 - Rock angle matches sign of beta angle (e.g. +50 rock for positive beta angle).
- For beta angle > 25, used "modified sine profile".
 - During spacecraft day, approximate sine wave with amplitude and sign dependent on beta angle.
 - At orbit night, use 50 degree rock angle with opposite sign.

Future Effects on Sky Survey

- As engineers continue to evaluate constraints, changes to the profile may be required.
- e.g. if other drive were to fail, we'd wish to be able to continue observations, even if more restricted observing.
- The new observing profiles are more complicated than previous operations.
 - We already have scripts to provide some checks on the timelines (e.g. ensure ARRs remain disabled), check beta angles.
 - Expect to add more checks to the scripts.